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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, IR

SUBJECT: ENERGY: CRUDE OIL SALES (C-ER-4-57913)

REF: A. STATE 39149

B. TEHRAN 8747

C. TEHRAN 8775

D. TEHRAN 1114

1. AS REPORTED REF C, NIOC WILL NOT REVEAL INFORMATION REQUESTED  
REF A. PRICES AT AQVTION, AS REPORTED REFS B AND C, WERE \$17.04  
FOR IRANIAN LIGHT, \$16.04 FOR IRANIAN HEAVY, \$17.34 FOR RAKHSH/  
ROSTAM, \$16.20 FOR SASSAN, \$16 FOR DARIUS, AND \$9 FOR CYRUS.  
PRICE OF BAHREGANSAN/NOW RUZ CRUDE, WE UNDERSTAND, WAS \$14.

2. WE HAVE SCRAPED AROUND HURRIEDLY FOR RUMORS, BUT SO FAR HAVE  
ONLY BEEN ABLE TO GET FOLLOWING: (A) WE ARE TOLD ON GOOD AUTHORITY  
THAT ASHLAND, WITH CONSIDERABLE FINANCIAL PAIN, CONTINUES TO LIFT  
80,000 B/D OF VARIOUS TYPES OF CRUDE (NO SPECIFIC DETAIL AVAILABLE);  
(B) IT IS RUMORED THAT IRANIANS HAVE INSISTED THAT BRITISH LIFT  
.5 MILLION TONS (ABOUT 120,000 B/D ON QUARTERLY BASIS) UNDER  
BILATERAL "LOOSE BARTER" DEAL DURING SECOND QUARTER, WHICH IF  
TRUE WOULD IMPLY THAT AUCTION BUYERS HAVE DEFAULTED ON THAT  
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AMOUT OF LIFTINGS; (C) MURPHY OIL REPORTEDLY BOUGHT AND

IS LIFTING 2,500 B/D OF SASSAN CRUDE; (D) PIW RECENTLY  
REPORTED NIOC CUT PRICE TO PAKISTAN OF 5,000 B/D OF IRANIAN  
LIGHT TO \$12.875; (E) REF D REPORTED CASE OF POTENTIAL DEFAULT,  
BUT WE DO NOT KNOW OUTCOME OR COMPANY INVOLVED.

3. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO GATHER MORE INFORMATION ON MARCH 2, BUT  
ARE NOT HOPEFUL THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO GET MUCH. SUGGEST  
DEPARWMENT CONTACT U.S. OIL COMPANIES, WHICH MAY HAVE TURNED  
UP SOMETHING ON THIS. CONSORTIUM OWNED SERVICE COMPANY (OSCO)  
CARRIES OUT LOADING AT KHARG ISLAND, SO MEMBERS MAY HAVE ACCESS  
TO INFORMATION THAT OSCO WOULD NOT DARE TO GIVE US HERE.  
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